(iv) Cases under investigation for provisional Duties 8
(v) Closed cases 21
(vi) Fresh petitions 4

(d) The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping set up under the control of Designated Authority investigates the existence and degree of dumping, identifies the dumped article, submits its findings, provisional and/or final to the Central Government recommending the amount of Anti-dumping duty to be levied. This is a continuous process and as and when new petitions alleging dumping and injury are submitted, by domestic industry they are processed as per the procedures and within the time limits specified under the Anti-dumping rules. The above action taken by the Anti-dumping Directorate safeguards against unfair trade practices against the Domestic Industry, in case dumping of goods and injury thereof is proved.

Decline in Export of Minerals from Orissa

556. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in the export of iron ore, bauxite and manganese from Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the target set in this regard for Eighth plan and the achievement made (year-wise);

(d) the steps taken by MMTC and other concerned agencies to increase the export of these minerals from Orissa and other mineral producing states;

(e) the target fixed for ninth plan; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Iron-ore exports from Orissa through Paradeep Port have declined in the last two years. There is no export of manganese ore and bauxite through Paradeep Port. The decline in export of iron ore from the Orissa state is largely due to

lesser intake by Japanese Steel mills owing to recession in the steel industry, infrastructural constraints at Paradeep Port restricting accommodation of large size vessels and high railway freight from the iron ore producing areas to Paradeep Port.

(c) Year-wise target of iron ore export set by MMTC and actual export through Paradeep Port during 8th Plan period is as follows:

Iron Ore Exports of MMTC: Through Paradeep Port.

Year		Qty. (Lakh tonnes)
8th Five Year Plan	Target	Actual Exports
1992-93	13.00	12.81
1993-94	14.00	14.29
1994-95	16.00	19.11
1995-96	14.90	15.82
1996.97	9.00	10.90

(d) to (f) The following areas have been identified to incarease export:

(1) New markets have been identified to make up for the shortfall in exports to Japan and South Korea and increase market share in the growing Chinese market.

(2) To suit market demand, product range has been enlarged.

(3) Enhancing competitiveness by cost reduction and through greater emphasis on quality.

(4) Using leverage of high grade ore to promote and develop exports of low and medium grade iron ore.

International iron ore trade depends, to a large extent on general economic condition and state of steel industry in the importing country. While some countries have annual quantity agreement with suppliers, steel mills in others, import iron ore only on the basis of spot contracts. In such a market scenario, it has not been considered prudent to have a forecast for the five-year plans.

However, annual target set by MMTC during the 9th plan period and performance against the same are as follows:

Year		Qty. (Lakh tonnes)
9th Five Year Plan	Target	Actual Exports
1997-98	8.50	9.88
1998-99	10.00	6.29
1999-2000 (up to Octo; 99)	8.00	5.49

Targets for the last two years of Ninth plan period are yet to be firmed.

Manufacturing of computer by IBM in Pondicherry

557. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether permission has been granted to IBM Company to manufacture computer in Pondicherry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) what are the employment generation prospects on that account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (Dr. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Sir, M/s. Tata Industries Ltd. has been granted foreign collaboration approval on 5.10.91 to set up a joint venture company, in collaboration with M/s, IBM World Trade Corporation, USA, to manufacture, market and export computer systems including input and output devices, network products, software and maintenance services with 50% foreign equity amounting to Rs. 26 crores. The approved locations are Delhi and State of Karnataka. Subsequently, the foreign equity has been increased to 100% amounting to Rs. 92.43 crores.

(c) Data on employment generation with specific linkage to FDI is not centrally maintained.